



Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)

Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, MD

Call to Order:	Louis Mozzano, Chair			Respectfully Submitted by: Judy Tankersley, Acting Secretary		
Date/Time:	September 25, 2018; 7:00 PM ET					
Attendees:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjogah, Mensah (Vice Chair)		vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
		Lynda Brooks		Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solomon, Jobe
		Frank, Ron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rowden, David	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tankersley, Judy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gelman, Michael		Vacant		Wright, Ursula
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mozzano, Louis (Chair)		Vacant		Partap Verma
Staff:	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center					
Guests:	David Jeang, Odessa Davis, Sean Corbett, Dennis Linders, Wade Holland, Captain Thomas Didone					

Call to Order: 7:06 PM by Louis Mozzano, Chair

Introductions

Agenda/Minutes – In the absence of a quorum, no votes were taken on the approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting or on the approval of the Agenda. The action was postponed to the next meeting. Judy Tankersley will take the Minutes of this meeting.

Community Concerns – - Wheaton Hills Civic Association, voiced concerns about State Highway 97/Georgia Avenue in terms of safety for pedestrian crossing and overall speed and traffic in the corridor from Glenmont to Connecticut Avenue.

Guest: The Deputy Commander of the 4th District County Police, Captain McFarland introduced himself to MCCAB, and commented on the arrest that day of burglars, who had entered several occupied homes, an unusual circumstance.

Guest Speakers: Wade Holland, CountyStat & Vision Zero – Executive Office of the County Executive and Captain Thomas Didone, Director of Traffic Division - MCPD

County Stat is the compilation of data that has been developed over the last 10 years. It is intended to provide a way of tailoring services to communities using 250 census tracts. The web site is <https://stat.montgomerycountymd.gov>.



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Vision Zero aims to bring the number of fatal and/or serious accident injuries to zero by 2035. It intends to achieve this result by changing the vision that accepts accidents as inevitable to adoption of ways to change behavior by a Systems Approach. Vision Zero originated in Sweden, has spread to other countries and cities (NY, LA, SF). Montgomery County is first county to adopt the program.

To achieve results, the program adopts protected Bike Lanes, Hawk Beacon Crossing, Signed Timing, dynamic lighting, pedestrian scramble, etc. Mr. Holland pointed to the Viers Mill Corridor Plan, Bus Rapid Transit Lanes, and traffic calming devices as tools to achieve Vision Zero results.

Given the accident data in the Mid-County for this year, the County is applying the Vision Zero approach to the area, with a special focus on the Forest Glen Metro area and the Aspen Hill Vision Zero Study of the area in the Connecticut Avenue/Georgia Avenue zone, from Bel Pre Road to Matthew Henson State Park. Aspen Hill Vision Zero is a project of the Planning Commission. Web Site: www.montgomeryplanning.org/aspenhillvisionzero. Project Manager is Maren Hill, 301 650 5613, Maren.Hill@montgomeryplanning.org

Captain Didone of the MCPoliceDepartment added to the discussion with statistics about vehicle crashes and pedestrian involvement. He also urged a change in mind-set and culture of both pedestrians and drivers. He indicated that 9000 of the 20,000 crashes were property damage only. 450 pedestrian crashes represented 4% of the accidents reported. When asked, Captain Didone confirmed that the Hewitt Avenue intersection area, the site of several 4 am fatalities in the statistics is an area used for street racing.

Related Events:

- 1) Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Meeting at Highland ES on Thursday at 7:30 pm
- 2) Aspen Hill Vision Zero Meeting at AH Library On Wednesday at 6:30 pm
- 3) Montgomery Hills/Forest Glen study also underway

Director Report

Luisa Montero provided a written report, attached. She also indicated that the applicants for appointment to MCCAB had been approved by the County Executive, and were slated for action by the County Council for next week.



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Committee Reports

Joint Land Use, Transportation, & Zoning and Quality of Life

Both committees (Land Use, Zoning & Transportation and Quality of Life) met as one in September and discussed plans for MCCAB retreat and this year's schedule/focus.

Liaison Reports

- Department of Permitting Services Advisory Committee - Judy Tankersley reported that the group had met at 5 pm. She reported that the Department is hoping to launch its new interactive web site in November, and that she would provide further information at the next meeting.
- Olney Town Center Advisory Committee - no current liaison.
- Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee -See Regional Service Director Montero's report.

Old Business

- In the absence of a quorum, the election of a Secretary is postponed to the October meeting.
- Retreat Meeting is planned for Thursday, November 1; Final Planning for the meeting will take place at the October Committee Meeting, on October 4

New Business

No New Business was presented.

Adjournment

Chair Mozzano adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm